

Vocabulary

1 Replace the underlined words with a suitable word or expression.

- Jamie was asked to represent his country at the Olympics. _____
- Di Xiao had to practise a lot as a child to become the extremely skilful violinist she is today. _____
- I will always love and keep my childhood memories of living in Argentina. _____
- Tom spoke so much that it was difficult to enter and contribute to the conversation. _____
- Harrow school is one of the most highly regarded public schools in the UK. _____
- Charlotte was determined and certain that she was not going to change her mind. _____
- This minister of education received enthusiastic applause after her speech. _____
- There has been an untypical and previously unknown amount of rainfall this summer. _____
- They will introduce the new health drink into the market just before the summer. _____
- The much praised and respected author passed away last night. _____

Marks: __ /10

2 Complete the text.

You don't have to be a ¹_____ to realize that the secret to social success is good communication. Some people have a natural ²_____ for communicating. Good communicators come across as level-³_____ and even when under ⁴_____, get ⁵_____ their ideas clearly and in calm way. While less ⁶_____ communicators can get ⁷_____ on a day to day basis, they often fail to get to ⁸_____ with the subtleties of good communication. Bad communicators characteristically can behave badly in a conversation, for example, getting ⁹_____ someone in public. They often don't listen or think before they speak and almost always fail to get to the ¹⁰_____ of a theme or topic being discussed.

Marks: __ /10

Reading

3 Read the text. Are the sentences true or false?

Art for children with learning difficulties

Art is more than just play. It gives children, and especially those with learning difficulties, a means to develop their confidence and self-esteem, which helps improve their overall academic and social abilities.

One of the key benefits of using art therapy is that it provides an opportunity for children to express themselves through nonverbal communication, overcoming many physical and cognitive impediments. For many LD (learning difficulty) children, communication is challenging, but art allows them to convey a message which makes them feel important and heard. Creative output also helps to channel emotions and behaviour in a positive way. Painting and drawing can help LD children to focus and to relax, thus promoting calmness, and playing a musical instrument can help them gain self-control and release tensions.

Perhaps one of the most convincing arguments for using art in therapy is that it can promote positive social attitudes and develop social skills. Through art LD children learn to work, to listen to, communicate and cooperate with each other. They also observe that other children have different abilities, strengths and weaknesses. Most important of all, they learn that they can participate with their own set of abilities in a group environment.

- Art therapy is designed for LD children.
- Art provides a different channel for personal communication.
- Painting is a good activity for quiet children.
- Art therapy helps children verbally express their social strengths and weaknesses.
- Art therapy can help a child to participate in a social situation.

Marks: __ /5

4 Read the text again and answer the questions with a complete sentence.

- Why is art good for communication for LD children?

- Why is art good for behaviour and emotions?

- What are the different art activities that children can do?

- What social skills can art therapy help LD children develop?

- How can art therapy help a child value themselves?

Marks: __ /15

Grammar

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the phrasal verbs in the box.

bring up call off figure out get away with
live down pass up put up with set off turn down
water down

- I have read your essay. You need to _____ your arguments, they're too strong.
- To avoid the holiday traffic we decided to _____ early in the morning.
- Ronita _____ Simon's kind offer to help her with the research for her history project.
- I am sorry to _____ this _____ again Annie, but don't forget that you owe me some money.
- How do you _____ Laura's behaviour? She's terrible.
- The tickets are free! You can't _____ on the opportunity to see this great musician live.
- What a huge mistake I made, I'll never be able to _____ it _____.
- The parents had to _____ off little Tony's birthday party because he had broken his leg.
- Dan always arrives late to school and he seems to _____ it. No one says anything!
- How long did it take you to _____ the solution to that equation?

Marks: ____ /10

6 Correct the mistake in each sentence. Some words are incorrect, others need to be added or put in the correct order.

- Sorry there's no match tonight. The authorities have called off. _____
- Harry tried to pretend he had forgotten to do his homework but he didn't get away it with. _____
- I found it difficult to put down with his constant criticism of the school basketball team. _____
- It is important that you don't go back your promises on. _____
- We need new ideas but how can we come up them with? _____
- You've made a few mistakes in this essay. I'm surprised your teacher didn't pick up on it. _____
- Danny's looking better, he seems to be getting his illness over now. _____
- Samantha was hoping to draw off a new study plan by the end of the day. _____
- You should be careful not to water it down your main argument. _____
- Sorry we can't do the job this month, we don't have enough staff to take on it. _____

Marks: ____ /10

Language skills

7 Complete the dialogue.

- Fred How are you getting on with your music essay?
- Andy Funny you should ¹ _____ that up, I've just finished it.
- Fred I'm going to hand mine in next week.
- Andy Really! Mrs Jackson won't ² _____ up with that. She's very strict on deadlines. I wrote about the ³ _____ Mozart.
- Fred Did you write it all yourself?
- Andy Well, actually, I watered ⁴ _____ an article I found on the internet.
- Fred You won't get ⁵ _____ with that. Mrs Jackson reads everything on the net.
- Andy Oh no! I'd never be able to ⁶ _____ that down. I'd better write about someone else. Any ideas? I'm really ⁷ _____ pressure here!
- Fred Why don't you write about a famous musician? How about the ⁸ _____ violinist Midiro Goto.
- Andy I'll have to ⁹ _____ up on that one. Alice is writing about her. Maybe I can write about a famous ¹⁰ _____, I love the piano.

Marks: ____ /10

8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

Dialogue 1

- A ¹ _____?
- B I realized when he started drawing horses at the age of five, that's talent.
- A ² _____?
- B No, he doesn't have an aptitude for numbers. But he's good at music.
- A ³ _____.
- B The piano, and the flute a bit.

Dialogue 2

- A What was the proudest moment in your sporting career?
- B ⁴ _____.
- A Yes, that's a big honour representing a nation. What memory do you cherish of the Olympics?
- B ⁵ _____.
- I'll never forget the feeling of standing on that podium.

Marks: ____ /10

Writing

9 Write a summary of the story of a film or book that you have enjoyed. Write about 200 words and include the information below:

- Where and when the story takes place.
- The main characters in the story.
- The main plot of the film or story.

Marks: ____ /20

TOTAL: ____ /100